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An Accelerated Pathway Towards a Universal Influenza Vaccine

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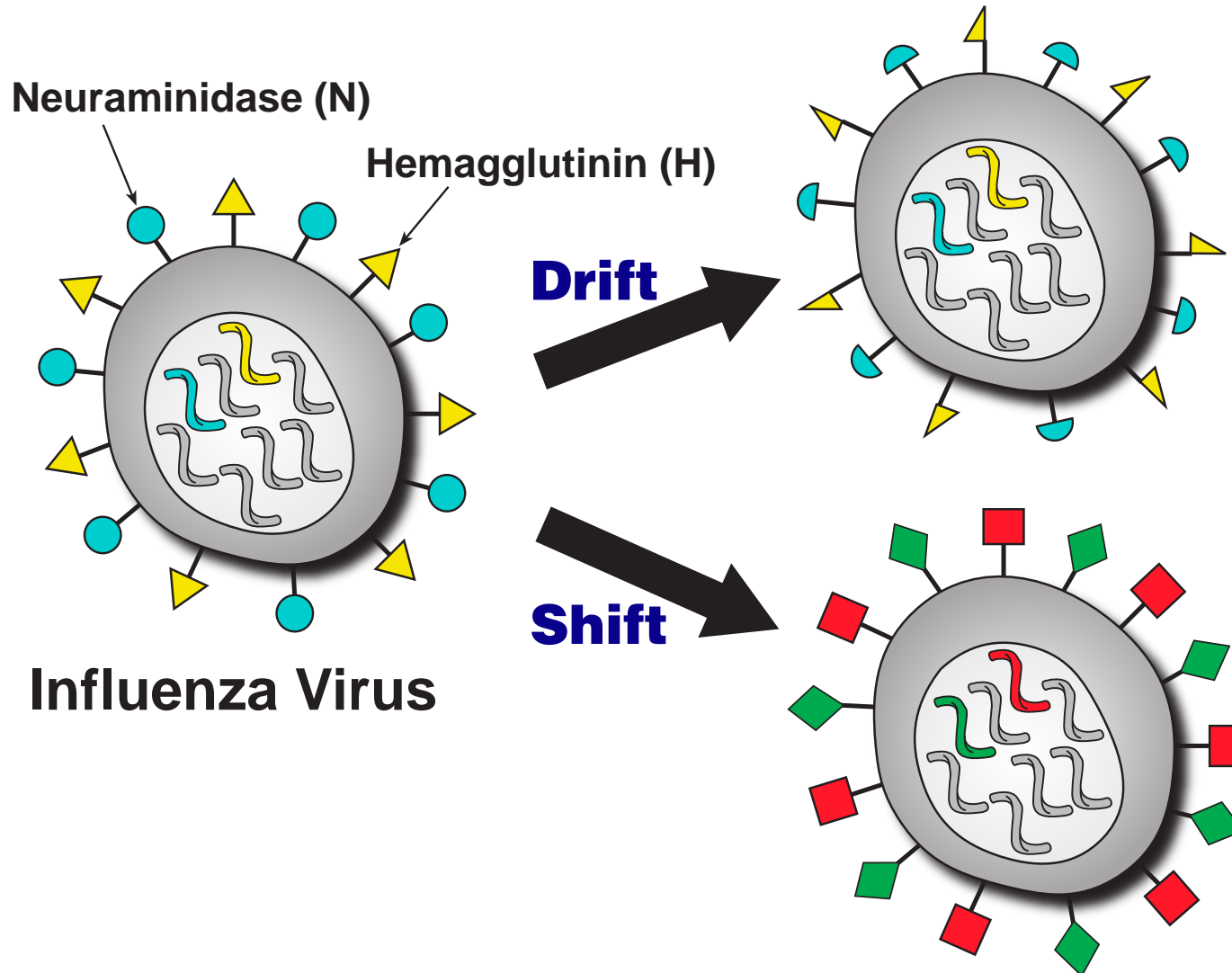
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Seasonal vs. Pandemic Influenza



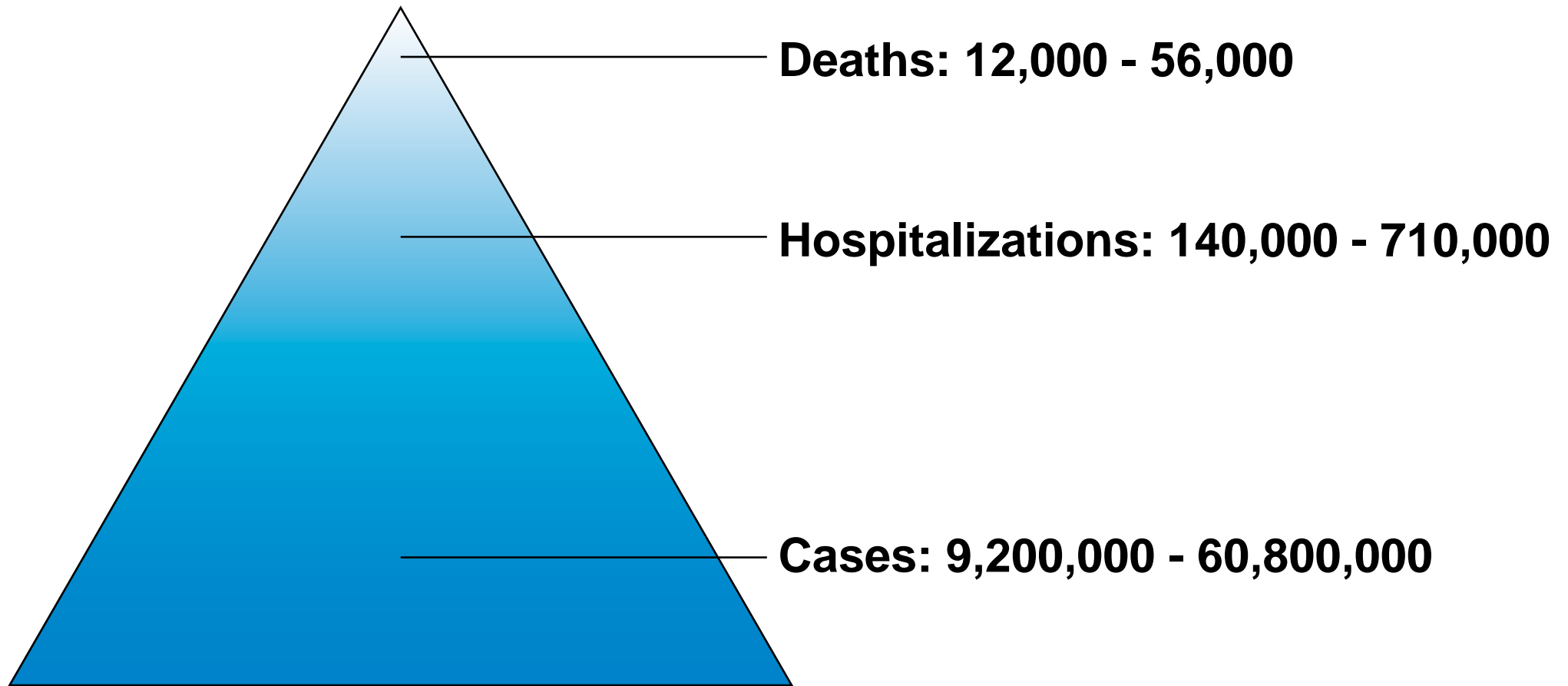
Seasonal Influenza

- Annual occurrence
- Residual immunity in population

Pandemic Influenza

- Unpredictable rare occurrence
- “Naïve” population

Annual Disease Burden of Seasonal Influenza in the United States



Influenza Pandemics in the 20th-21st Centuries

1918 H1N1 “Spanish Flu” ~ 50 million deaths

1957 H2N2 “Asian Flu” 1-2 million deaths

1968 H3N2 “Hong Kong Flu” 700,000 deaths

2009 H1N1 “Swine Flu” 284,500 deaths

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Adjusted Vaccine Effectiveness Estimates for Influenza Seasons from 2005-2016



*Estimate from Nov 2, 2015–April 15, 2016.

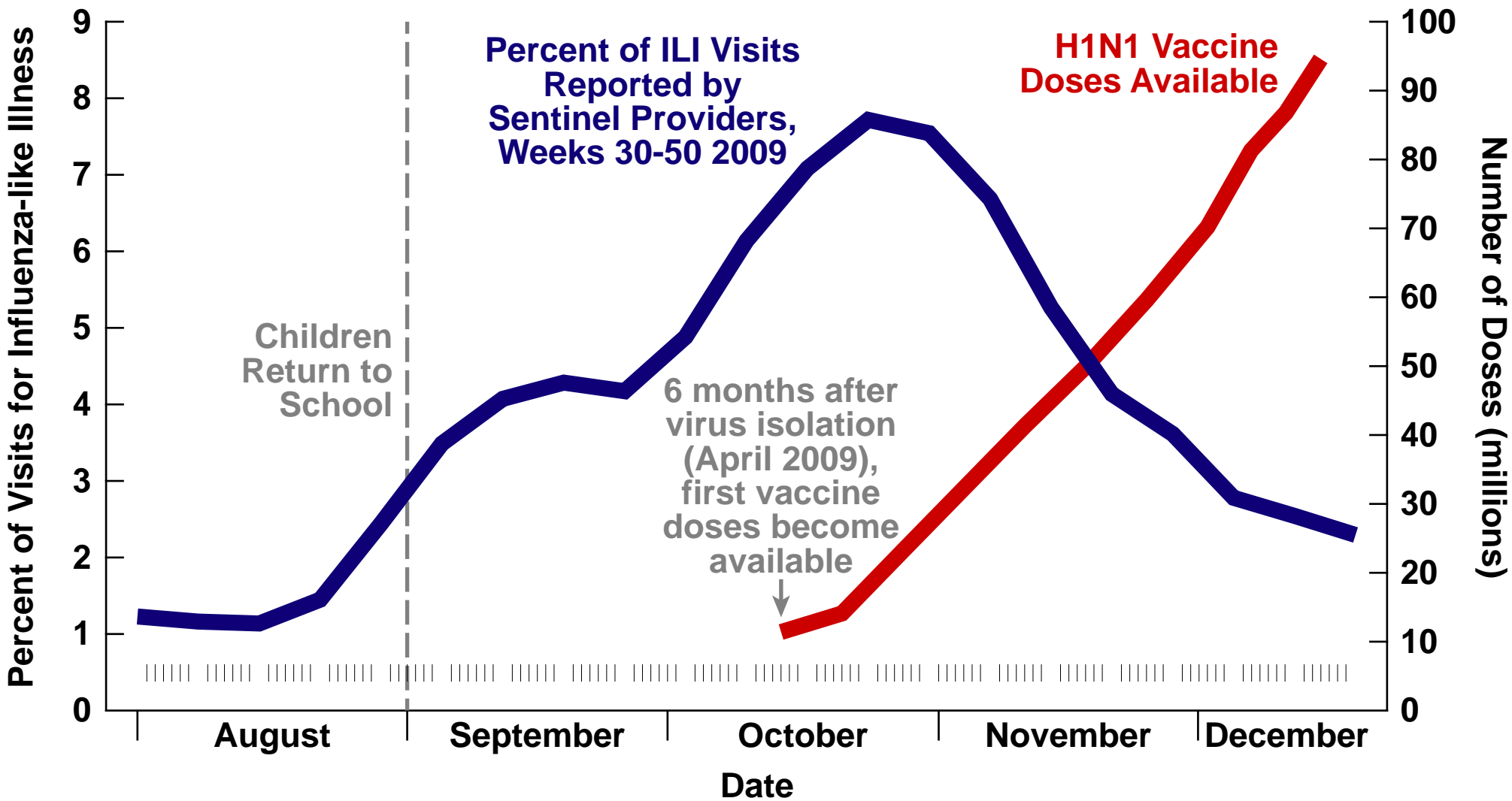
Source: CDC.gov

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Vaccine Lags Behind 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic



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- **Pre-Pandemic vaccines:** against circulating strains that *threaten* to cause a pandemic (e.g., H5N1, H7N9)
- **Pandemic vaccines:** against strain causing an *existing* pandemic (e.g., 2009 H1N1)



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**Avian Influenza A (H5N1)
Infection in Humans**

**The Writing Committee of the World Health Organization
(WHO) Consultation on Human Influenza A/H5**

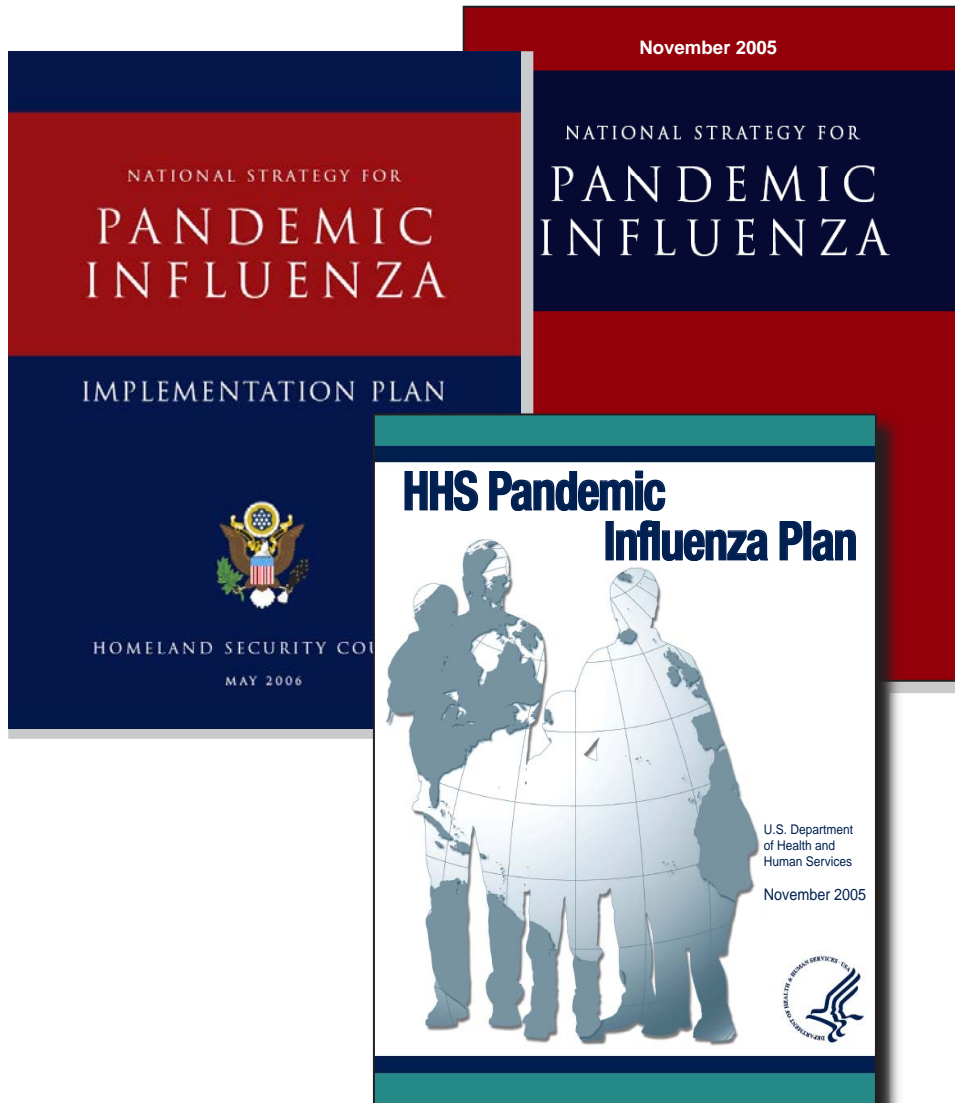
The New York Times

November 1, 2005

Bush Calls for \$7.1 Billion to Prepare for Bird Flu Threat

President Bush today unveiled a strategy to combat the threat of an avian flu pandemic, calling for \$7.1 billion in emergency spending to stockpile reserves of medicines and to press ahead with the development of a new vaccine.

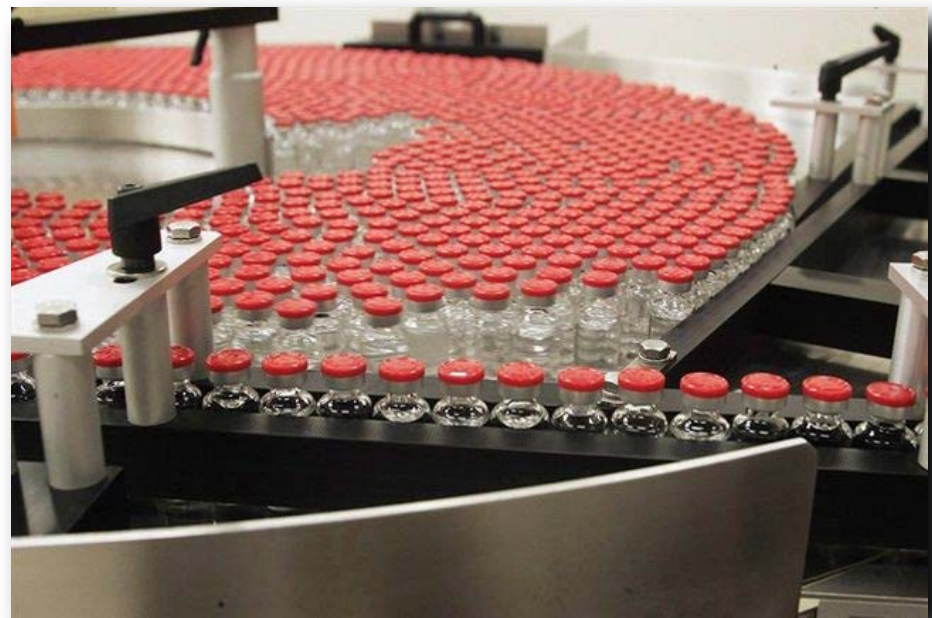
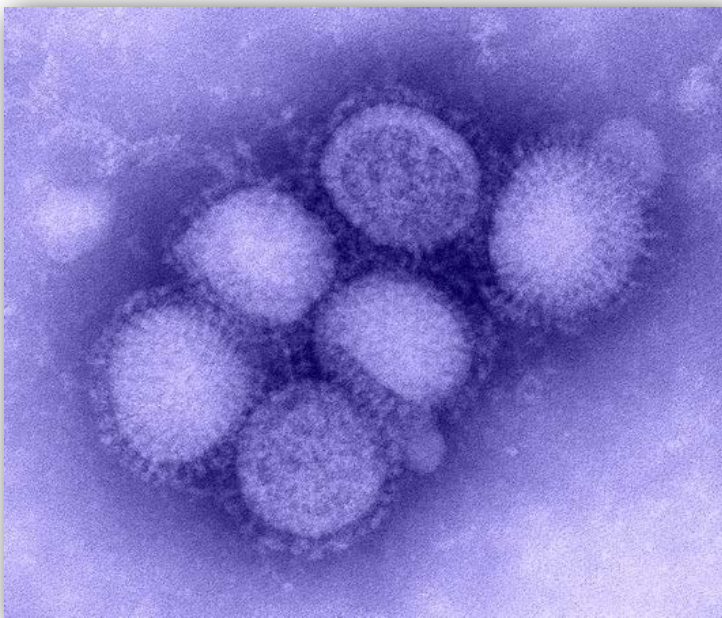
Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Strategy and Implementation



- International Surveillance
- Domestic Surveillance
- Vaccines
- Antivirals
- Communications
- State and Local Preparedness

FDA Approves First Adjuvanted H5N1 Influenza Vaccine for U.S. Stockpile

- **Approved Nov. 22, 2013**
- **Made by ID Biomedical (GSK subsidiary)**
- **Includes AS03 adjuvant**



Phase 2 Trials of 2013 H7N9 Vaccine in Healthy Adults



Serological Responses to an Avian Influenza A/H7N9 Vaccine Mixed at the Point-of-Use With MF59 Adjuvant

A Randomized Clinical Trial

MJ Mulligan, DI Bernstein, P Winokur et al



Effect of Varying Doses of a Monovalent H7N9 Influenza Vaccine With and Without AS03 and MF59 Adjuvants on Immune Response

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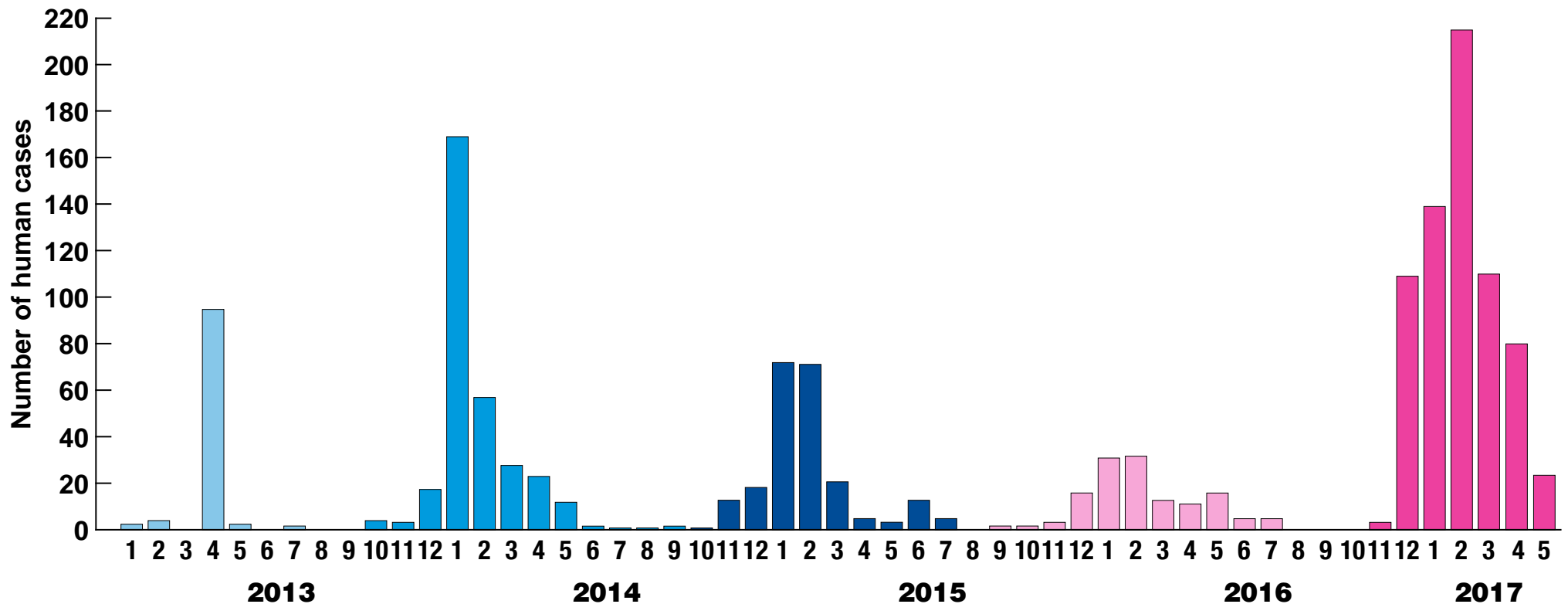
LA Jackson, AR Bellamy et al

- ***Acceptable safety profile; two adjuvanted doses needed to induce adequate immune response***

Five Waves of Human H7N9 Influenza Infections in China, February 2013-present

■ **1,486 confirmed human cases, 559 deaths**

■ **5th wave: >40% of cumulative cases**



Source: FAO, 5/10/2017

Improving seasonal influenza vaccines



Pandemic influenza vaccines



Universal influenza vaccines

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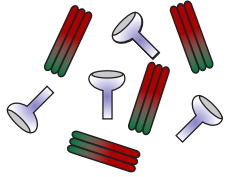


Universal influenza vaccines

Evolution of Technologies for Influenza Vaccines



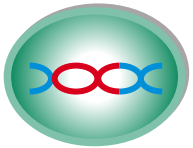
New Platforms for Seasonal and Pandemic Influenza Vaccines



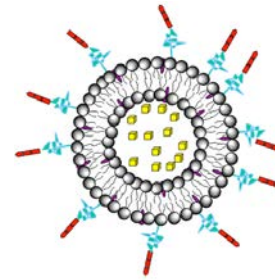
Recombinant subunit



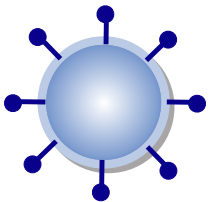
Synthetic peptide



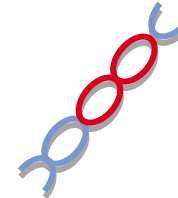
Microbial vector



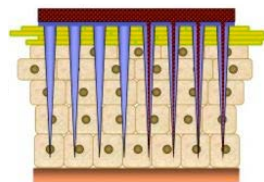
Nanoparticle-based



**Virus-like particles
(VLPs)**



DNA-based



**Novel delivery systems
(e.g., microneedles)**

Improving seasonal influenza vaccines



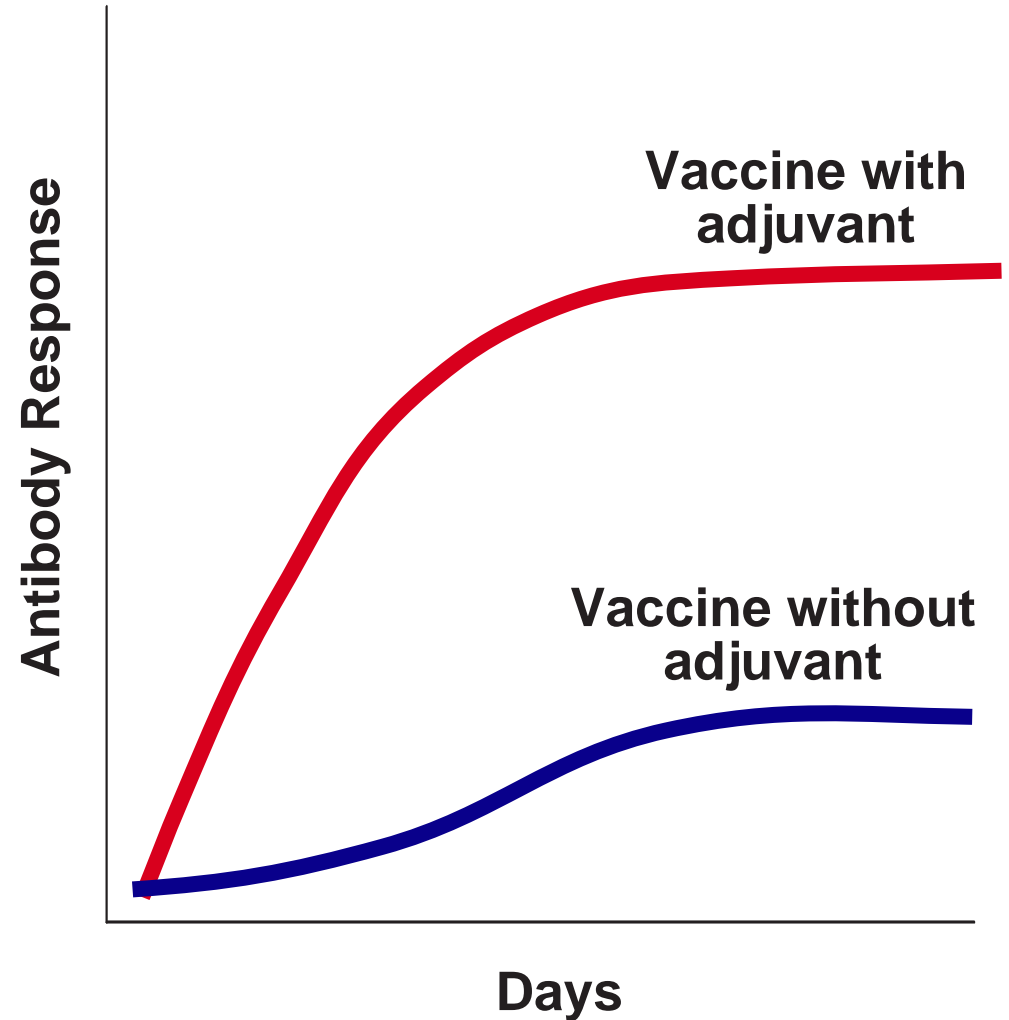
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Universal influenza vaccines

Vaccine Adjuvants

- Reduce amount of antigen needed
- Promote earlier, stronger, more durable immune responses
- May increase cross-protective immune response





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Influenza
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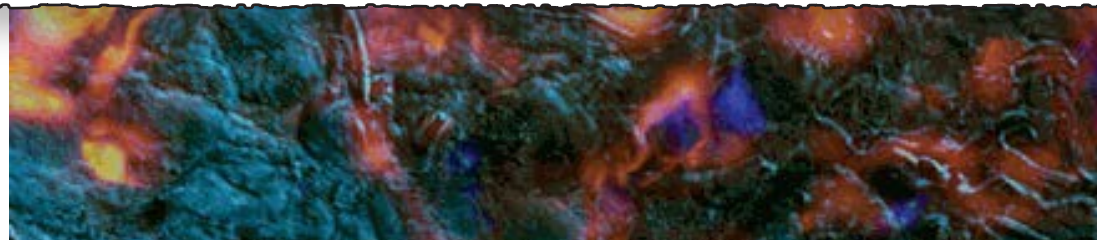


Universal influenza vaccines



Induction of Unnatural Immunity: Prospects for a Broadly Protective Universal Influenza Vaccine

GJ Nabel and AS Fauci



Goals for Universal Influenza Vaccines

- **Breadth** to cover future drifted and pandemic strains
- **Durability** ≥ 5 years



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NIAID Conference

Pathway to a Universal Influenza Vaccine

June 28-29, 2017
Rockville, MD

Key Workshop Topics/Gaps in Knowledge

- **Goals of a universal vaccine program**
- **Epidemiology, transmission, natural history, and pathogenesis of influenza**
- **Protective immune mechanisms in influenza**
- **Pre-existing immunity to influenza; impact on infection and response to vaccination**

Key Workshop Topics/Gaps in Knowledge (cont.)

- **Universal vaccine platforms for influenza**
- **Diagnostics for assessing mechanisms of immune protection in influenza**
- **Animal models in influenza research**
- **Human influenza challenge model**

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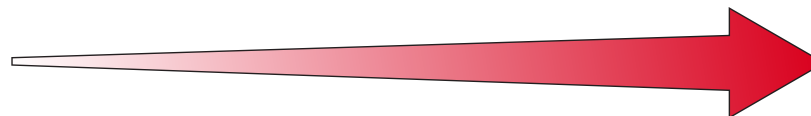
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NIAID Vaccine Research Center



VRC Senior Investigators

Basic Research



Clinical Trials

VRC Research: From HIV to Zika



- HIV
- West Nile virus
- Chikungunya
- Ebola/Marburg
- Influenza
- Malaria
- MERS-CoV
- RSV
- Tuberculosis
- Venezuelan, Eastern, and Western equine encephalitis viruses
- Zika

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- **Consortium supported 2005-2012**
- **Multidisciplinary teams**
- **Multi-pronged approaches addressing key scientific challenges**
- **Frequent meetings**
- **Information sharing**
- **Collaborative projects**

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